



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

TAKANORI YANO, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/657,219

Filed: September 5, 2003

For: **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM**

Art Group: 3677

Examiner: To be assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the duty of disclosure, enclosed is a copy of Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (form PTO/SB/08), which is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be considered and that the enclosed copy of PTO/SB/08 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to applicant(s). Copies of the references cited on PTO/SB/08 are enclosed herewith.


The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made in the subject application and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Please charge any fees due to Deposit Account 02-2666. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17) is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,


BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Date: 1/13/04


Michael J. Mallie, Reg. No. 36,591

12400 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025
Telephone: (408) 720-8300

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Debra L. Riggio

1/13/2004
01-13-04
Date

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;"><i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i></p> </div>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><i>Complete if Known</i></th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">Application Number</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">10/657,219</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Filing Date</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">September 5, 2003</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">First Named Inventor</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Takanori Yano</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Art Unit</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">3677</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Examiner Name</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">To be assigned</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Attorney Docket Number</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">6453P007</td> </tr> </table>	<i>Complete if Known</i>		Application Number	10/657,219	Filing Date	September 5, 2003	First Named Inventor	Takanori Yano	Art Unit	3677	Examiner Name	To be assigned	Attorney Docket Number	6453P007
<i>Complete if Known</i>															
Application Number	10/657,219														
Filing Date	September 5, 2003														
First Named Inventor	Takanori Yano														
Art Unit	3677														
Examiner Name	To be assigned														
Attorney Docket Number	6453P007														

[illegible][illegible]

* English Abstract is included

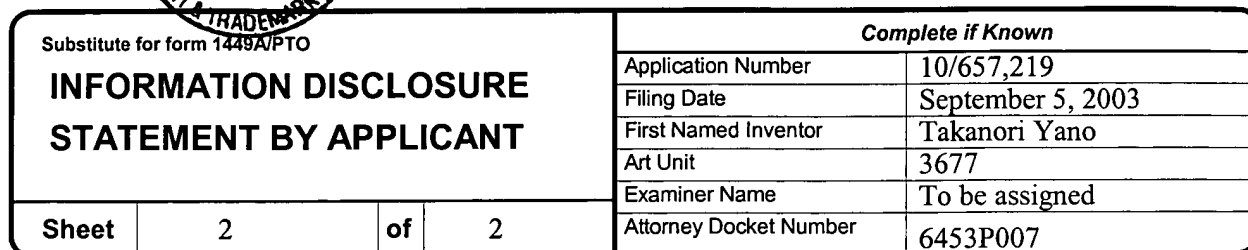
Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Based on PTO/SB/08A (08-03) as modified by Blakely, Solokoff, Taylor & Zafman (wlr) 08/11/2003.

Send To: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number. ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Based on PTO/SB/08B (08-03) as modified by Blakely, Solokoff, Taylor & Zafman (wlr) 08/11/2003.
Send To: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450